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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSPORTING A FLOW OF FLUID HYDROCARBONS CONTAINING WATER (Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of Serial No. 09/807,841, Filed June 29, 2001)

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Respectfully submitted,

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